

City of Long Beach
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Date: October 22, 2015

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Patrick H. West, City Manager

Subject: Request for Reimbursement Letter to Southern California Edison

Attached is a copy of a letter we sent to Southern California Edison President Pedro Pizarro regarding reimbursement for the second major power outage event in the City of Long Beach (July 30-August 1, 2015).

If you have any questions, please contact Arturo Sanchez, Deputy City Manager, at 8-5028.

Attachment

Cc: Charles Parkin, City Attorney

Laura Doud, City Auditor

Tom Modica, Assistant City Manager Arturo Sanchez, Deputy City Manager Jyl Marden, Assistant to the City Manager



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October 19, 2015

Mr. Pedro Pizarro President, Southern California Edison 2244 Walnut Grove Avenue Rosemead, CA 91770

Subject: Reimbursement Request for City of Long Beach July 30, 2015 Power Outage

Expenses

Dear Mr. Pizarro,

From Thursday, July 30 through Saturday, August 1, 2015, the City of Long Beach suffered the second of two major power outage events attributed to equipment failure in Southern California Edison's (SCE) underground vaults. More than 30,000 residents and dozens of businesses were affected over the course of the three day outage. The City's public safety, public works and emergency response personnel, worked tirelessly, throughout this second outage to ensure the health and safety of the residents of Long Beach. Additionally, City personnel and equipment assets were deployed in support of SCE crews working to restore power. The total of all City of Long Beach expenses related to this response is \$116,225. We respectfully request that SCE reimburse the City for these costs.

The following is an accounting of the costs of the City's response effort to the power outage. These costs are summarized below in the following categories: Direct Labor, Materials & Supplies and Exempt Employee Time.

Direct Labor:

Costs summarized in this category represent direct charges of employee labor, including straight time, overtime, fringe benefits and employee overhead for the duration of the power outage response. These costs are summarized in the table below. The total cost of Direct Labor in response to the outage event is \$76,378, and represents a total of 1,382 hours worked by 236 City employees.

Category	Amount
Straight Time (Full-time, Part-time, & Temp)	21,004
Overtime	44,584
Fringe & Overhead	10,790
Total	76,378

Materials & Supplies:

Costs summarized in this category represent direct material and supply costs for the City's response effort. These charges include generator rental, elevator and facility repair, fuel and meals for response workers. The total cost of Materials & Supplies in response to the outage event is \$13,814.

Category	Amount
Generator Rental	2,329
Fuel	650
Meals & Grocery	3,811
Elevator & Facility Repair	7,024
Total	13,814

Exempt Employee Time:

Costs in this category represent the value of the work effort exhibited by the City's FSLA-exempt management personnel in response to the power outage event. The time that management personnel spends away from regular job responsibilities and assignments represents a significant cost to the City. To account for this cost, management personnel were asked to track the time that they were assigned to power outage response activities. The total value of the management response to the power outage is \$26,033, and represents a total of 355 hours worked by City management personnel. This amount represents worked hours not included in the Direct Labor Category.

Summary of All Reimbursements Requested:

Category	Amount
Direct Labor	76,378
Materials & Supplies	13,814
Exempt Employee Time	26,033
Total	116,225

The City of Long Beach appreciates SCE's consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Finance Director Lea Eriksen at 562-570-6533.

Respectfully,

City Manager

RICK H. WEST

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